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Applicants: Kerkay

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Title: REINFORCING BAR COUPLING

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a preliminary amendment accompanying national phase entry. The amendment is to be entered prior to fee calculation, in order to reduce the fees for national phase entry.